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RE: 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED

The State Water Resources Control Board's proposed Bay-Delta Plan, Phase 1 Substitute Environmental Document (SED) will have devastating impacts to the communities that our families call home.

As employees of the Modesto Irrigation District, we see firsthand that a reliable surface water supply is the backbone of our region and undeniably brings value to all. The flow requirements described in the revised SED will create significant, unavoidable and lasting impacts that will harm the water supply and socioeconomic welfare of our families, friends, coworkers and fellow members of the community.

The State Water Resources Control Board has failed to analyze the serious socioeconomic impacts associated with this proposal. The Board has also failed to analyze and recognize how this proposal will affect groundwater, future city growth, schools and numerous disadvantaged communities within Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Merced counties.

Your own staff has noted that there are smarter ways to accomplish your stated goals that would require less water supply impacts. We urge you to look at alternatives besides more flows and to work with the local cities and irrigation districts such as MID. We know our region, we know our economy and we know our water. The decision that could destroy our communities shouldn't just be made by five appointed individuals.

We strongly oppose a proposal that doesn't take into consideration or analyze the long-lasting, irreversible impacts that would result from significantly increased unimpaired flows.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

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